

**RESOLUTION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

Presented by _____

**RECOGNIZING THE MINNESOTA SECOND CHANCE COALITION
DAY ON THE HILL**

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- 3 **WHEREAS**, The Minnesota Second Chance Coalition is an unincorporated coalition of community-based organizations and
4 individuals advocating for fair and responsible laws, policies, and practices that allow those who have committed crimes to
5 redeem themselves, fully support themselves and their families, and contribute to their communities to their full potential; and,
- 6 **WHEREAS**, The MN Second Chance Coalition represents forty-six partners from the non-profit, private and public sector
7 throughout the state of MN; and,
- 8 **WHEREAS**, one in five Americans face barriers to employment as a result of a criminal record; each year more than 6,000
9 Minnesotans are released from prison or jail; and 60 percent of individuals who are incarcerated in prisons and jails report
10 symptoms of mental illness; and,
- 11 **WHEREAS**, nationally more than two million children have a parent in prison and are six-to-10 times more likely to end up in
12 prison themselves, and one-in-five African American men cannot vote because they are incarcerated, or on parole or probation;
13 and,
- 14 **WHEREAS**, the MN Second Chance Coalition supports policies that ensure that everyone, regardless of means or background,
15 is treated equally and fairly through every part of the criminal justice system; and,
- 16 **WHEREAS**, the MN Second Chance Coalition supports policies and practices that maximize the ability of individuals with
17 criminal records to access employment, housing and education to become fully contributing members of their communities; and,
- 18 **WHEREAS**, the MN Second Chance Coalition supports policies that ensure that juvenile offenders are not limited in their
19 ability to become successful adults; and,
- 20 **WHEREAS**, the MN Second Chance Coalition supports the full diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and chemical
21 addiction; and,
- 22 **WHEREAS**, the MN Second Chance Coalition supports policies and practices that limit the potentially adverse impact of the
23 criminal justice system on children and families;
- 24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Saint Paul City Council recognizes the MN Second Chance Coalition Day
25 on the Hill on Feb. 22, 2010, at 10 a.m. in the State Capitol Rotunda where hundreds will join together to raise statewide and
26 national attention to the barriers facing individuals with criminal record; and,
- 27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council supports the efforts of the Second Chance Coalition to remove those
28 barriers that affect the social, civic and economic stability of families and communities.

	Yeas	Nays	Absent
Bostrom			
Carter			
Harris			
Helgen			
Lantry			
Stark			
Thune			

Adopted by Council: Date _____

Adoption Certified by Council Secretary

By: _____

Approved by Mayor: Date _____

By: _____

Requested by Department of:

By:

Approved by the Office of Financial Services

By: _____

Approved by City Attorney

By: _____

Approved by Mayor for Submission to Council

By: _____